



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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To Potential Parties at the National Oil Site:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has just learned that the owner of the National Oil Services Inc. Site in West Haven, Connecticut ("Site"), through its lawyer, sent a letter to some or all of the parties who appear to have sent waste to the Site, which asserts legal claims against those parties. EPA would like to make it clear that the Site owner is acting on its own and is not in any way acting in conjunction with EPA's settlement efforts.

As we mentioned in previous correspondence, EPA will be sending a settlement offer to you and the other parties in a few weeks. That offer will include a settlement agreement to be signed by you and a request for payment. The payment will represent your "fair share" of the cleanup costs EPA has incurred at the Site. That letter will also give you the opportunity to request that EPA review your financial ability to pay if you believe that paying your "fair share" would cause an undue financial hardship.

If you enter into the settlement with EPA, you will be protected from lawsuits filed by other parties, including the Site owner, based on the costs EPA has incurred in connection with its cleanup of the Site under the Superfund law. This protection will not extend to claims based on matters other than EPA's cleanup costs.

If you have any questions about the Site or would like to further discuss the letter that you may have received from the Site owner, please call the National Oil Site telephone hotline at (888) 372-7341 and ask for extension 2236. If you are calling from outside the New England area, please call (617) 918-2236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia L. Meaney".

Patricia L. Meaney, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

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